

BISHOP CANNON ASSAILS DEMON RUM IN LONDON

Militant Churchman Attacks Canadian Professor Who Denounces U. S. Dry Law.

CALIS HIS CHARGES RECKLESS

In a long letter to the London Times he swears wicked Old John Barleycorn and says thirty governors are dry.

BY ROBERT J. PREW.

Special Cable Dispatch.

LONDON, April 18.—The heaviest broadside yet delivered in England from an American source in the interests of prohibition appears in the form of a three-column letter to the London Times by Bishop Cannon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who was assigned to do missionary work in Texas.

The communication is a reply to Professor Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, who recently wrote to the same paper, declaring that "an appalling catastrophe has overtaken the United States and eight provinces of Canada. The cause is prohibition, resulting from crusades financed by feeble-minded philanthropy and infected by brutal and intolerant fanaticism."

"Joy of persecuting one's fellow-men is the main inspiration of the prohibition crusade. The typical 'active worker' is a fanatic, a religious fanatic inspired by bigotry or a self-interested hypocrite."

Assaults Prohibition Trickery.

"The hired spies of the prohibition interests draw pay from hypocritical societies of hysterical women. There is no doubt that the vast majority of decent people and all gentlemen were and are against the movement. The people of the United States and those of Canada never ratified prohibition by a general vote nor have they even been offered an opportunity to reject it."

The prohibitionists took care that the policy was adopted by a vote of the politicians in Congress, who spoke only for a vicious fanatical minority organized for hysterical threat-making."

Bishop Cannon, who is now in London, declares that prohibition was an issue in the congressional elections of 1918, the prohibitionists winning in an open fight by a popular vote. He continues:

"The opponents of prohibition worked ceaselessly day and night, but lost every battle because the politicians, who were the only ones who counted, knew that the United States desired prohibition."

"The gentlemen from Montreal, Professor Leacock, purposely ignores, or is ignorant of the fact that in every State of the Union where it was possible the Anti-Saloon League labored to secure a popular vote on prohibition, so that today, through the efforts of the prohibitionists and against the strenuous efforts of the liquor traffic, State after State has voted 'dry' by popular vote."

Thirty "Dry" Governors.

"Today there are thirty-four 'dry' States apart from Federal laws. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the prohibition movement has been Christian in inspiration, independent for its persistent vitality from the active support of Protestant churches."

"Its inspiration has not been a desire to persecute one's fellow-men, but to add them to the ranks of the traffic characterized by the United States Supreme Court as 'the most prolific source of insanity, pauperism, vice and crime' and by removing the traps which have swallowed up the earnings and the vitality of the nation and caught and maimed and ruined the children."

"I have never heard more wild and reckless statements than those of Professor Leacock. The governors of thirty States recently over their own signatures declared their belief in the value of prohibition. Are none of them gentlemen?"

BISHOP LEFT RICHMOND

AFTER DR. PETERS' DEFEAT

Bishop Cannon, it will be remembered, left Richmond a few days after the defeat of the Rev. J. S. Peters for reelection as prohibition Commissioner. He was charged that the Bishop "Cannon" was here at that time was the leading contributory cause of Dr. Peters' defeat. The Bishop in reply to these charges, insisted that he had not been in Richmond at the time of the election, but he had merely exercised his right as a citizen to advocate the retention of a faithful public official.

QUEER MESSAGES FROM MURDERER

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was taken to the Retreat for the Sick, where he stayed until about the middle of December. At this time he was taken from the Retreat for the Sick to the Retreat for the Shattered Arms Hospital, where two operations were performed to remove the tumor. The first was unsuccessful, but the second highly satisfactory. About the middle of March he was discharged from the hospital as cured and apparently in the best of spirits.

After being discharged, he disappeared. In a few days his landlady and Dr. Trice began making inquiries, but were unable to locate him anywhere. E. A. Baughman, formerly vice-president of the Baughman Stationery Company, where he worked, also joined in the search for the missing man. The police were asked to aid.

At this time an item was published in The Times-Dispatch, describing his disappearance. The paper was seen by Shelley on April 4 and on the following day he wrote his landlady as follows:

Write to Landlady.

"Having noticed in yesterday's Times-Dispatch that the police had been asked to locate me, I am writing to relieve your mind and stop the police from overworking themselves. I came here of my own free will to accept all that a benevolent State had to offer in the way of a good, long rest. I am being well looked after, having gained seven pounds in weight and being out in the air all day."

"Am getting as brown as a cop-

More Recruits Join Overall Army As Prices Soar Skyward

Students to Wear Them.

PRINCETON, April 18.—The "old clothes and overalls campaign" has been entered into with hearty enthusiasm at Princeton. The undergraduates are ready to wear the present cost of suits.

Will Wear Old Clothes.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 18.—An "old clothes league," headed by Mayor Alexander M. Chambliss and other city officials and employees, has been launched here in addition to an overall club with several hundred members inaugurated by Judge Sam Comer and officials of the county a few days ago.

100 Clerks Wear Blue.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., April 18.—More than 100 clerks and officials in the Williamsburg division offices of the United States Customs Service, organized the first "overall club" here and will wear either overalls or old clothes, the high cost of clothing comes down.

Were Only "Selling," They Say.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—An announcement that the editorial force of the San Francisco Examiner had formed "an overall club" has been refuted by executives of that paper today to say that the report was per cent and please don't be concerned on my behalf, and should I see double column headlines in the newspapers shortly announcing to all the world that I am 'squirrel fruit,' I shall be at all offended. So that the idea of a stinking English pride seems to have disappeared. In fact, I'm not sure that I don't feel flattered that I should have brought before the notice of the dear public. Though I don't think I can forgive you for giving my age as forty-five, you are spoiling my chances (I'm young), and there are no more for me. I would appreciate it if you will forward it to me here.

"Sincerely yours,

"THOMAS W. SHELLEY.

"P. S.—Ain't the newspapers wonderful? Now you know the meaning of 'news in a nutshell.'"

Dr. Trice Gets Letter.

On Saturday Dr. Trice received a letter from the wandering Jew, the letter was postmarked Richmond and mailed at an early hour. It reached Dr. Trice about noon. Although signed, "The Wandering Jew," the handwriting and phrasing of the contents were similar to that of the letter which had been received by Mrs. Chadwick. It is apparently, the work of an insane man. A similar letter signed in the same manner was also received by the superintendent of the Williamsburg institution. Each letter had been frequently used by Shelley and referred to incidents known to them. The letter to Dr. Trice follows:

"Dear Daddy Long Legs.—Here is a letter you have been waiting for, though not a very long one. You might put it down as 'junk' with more idleness. Now 'junk' is a Chinese word. The boat I made you captain of is no Chinaman. So beware the junk."

"I am sorry to offend at me not calling and seeing you. One reason is because I lack the wit with more intelligence than the other people. I told I was down visiting for the day. If Satan can't tell a lie, who can? I didn't want you to betray a dog's son. It will be a bad day for any one that does. I got more friends than there are parish churches. I am still running on schedule. 'Jonah was thirty days and nights in the belly of a whale.' That's nothing. His days were not the same as yours. The world of days is seven days (not your kind of days). Each day was a period and the periods are seven days. (And you know, Don, man comes into the world when the periods are finished.) And the world man, that's how the world was made."

"No doubt you know what I'm striving at, well God made man and He rested; then He made woman, and neither God nor man has rested since."

"I am trying to give man a rest, and women something to do. There isn't anything that I can think of, the way of civilization but what man hasn't put there. And I'm after the women. Don (sounds terrible, doesn't it?) I don't tell you one of these days, I'm not the 'junk' of the world. I've got to have our house put in order. And that's a woman's job, spring cleaning, men will think it's hell as usual. Well, I must be closing now. 'Tarry thou till I come.'"

"THE WANDERING JEW."

Similar letters signed "The Wandering Jew" have been received by The Times-Dispatch, usually accompanied by crude drawings.

Was Model Gentleman.

Never before writing the letter above had Shelley been familiar with him. Dr. Trice stated last night. He said that Shelley was always kind and courteous and apparently a model gentleman. He paid the doctor \$50 of the \$200, which he had shared as fee for the operations, but Dr. Trice said that he did not expect to receive any compensation, knowing Shelley's financial status.

Last Thursday Shelley suddenly appeared in Richmond again and visited the home of his landlady, where he stayed for tea and recovered his possessions, which he had left there on going to the hospital. He was in the best of health, it is declared, and as cheerful as could be, although apparently weak. He chatted with the family for some time and finally left, saying that he would take the next train back to Williamsburg. He also visited the Shattered Arms Hospital for a few minutes.

Shaved No Sign of Insanity.

According to Miss Landlady, Shelley was rational when he visited her Thursday and at all times while at her home. He never exhibited any signs of being feeble-minded, she declared, or in the least way acted queerly. He was always reading the best of books and was a frequent patron of the Virginia State Library. Mrs. Chadwick stated that he preferred deep, classical books and heavy literature. He was always quiet and well behaved, she stated.

Apparently Shelley had a vivid

the result of a petition circulated in it among the staff and that no actual club was completed.

Danville Conductors in Line.

DANVILLE, Va., April 18.—Street car conductors and conductors on the Danville cars appeared this morning in khaki suits with sympathy with the present overall movement.

Prices Prices on Overall.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 18.—In an effort to prevent any possible profiteering in overalls in Georgia, as a result of the increased demand due to formation of overall clubs, John A. Lewis, a local merchant, has announced for Georgia, announced tonight he had contracted for 20,000 pair of denim overalls which he would sell at cost to clubs in any Georgia community.

Judges to Wear Blue.

EL PASO, TEXAS, April 18.—El Paso judges will wear overalls while dispensing justice, it was announced today. An overall club was formed at the county courthouse, including all attaches from judges down to office boys.

Wear Overalls to Church.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Blue denim made their first appearance at church services here today. Introduced by the eighty-five members of a church bible class, a local hotel announced that overalls for bell boys and khaki for maids hereafter be "regulation."

Entered Asylum Voluntarily.

Dr. G. W. Brown, superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital for the Insane, at Williamsburg, declared that Shelley voluntarily came to the hospital for treatment on March 15, and left on Thursday without permission.

Dr. Brown declared that the man is an Englishman and that his main name is Simpinkin although he called himself Shelley at times, that being the name of his wife. While in the institution he was quiet, orderly and had no friends, he was giving him trouble, Dr. Brown said. He cost \$114 pounds on entering the hospital and 135 when he left.

The superintendent explained that the man was frank on applying for admission and informed the institution authorities that he had escaped from a large hospital for nearly two years. He voluntarily asked for treatment and was free to go at any time, and he had shown no evidence of violence. Dr. Brown received letter Saturday dated at Richmond.

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"THE WANDERING JEW."

On the back of the letter was this inscription: "The foolishness of God is greater than man's."

Dr. Brown frequently to a woman in Chicago, who wrote Dr. Brown and enclosed a letter, asserting that she did not know the writer. The letter was addressed to "Hope." In it Shelley said:

"This is hell, a sane man in an insane asylum. You might think it is purgatory, but I tell you it is hell, and I am crying to the only God I know, the God of love 'woman.' There is no other. You will see me free, won't you, Hope? You know I worship you. I am still playing the game like Pollyanna. It is the men that have discovered every comfort and convenience, they lay back and enjoy—sluggards. There are good men it is true who are praying for the kingdom of heaven to come to earth, but the only answer now going back is the echo of their own voice. The men are too busy playing politics and business to bring it here. The church won't bring it. The quotations are all from my memory. I have no Bible or Testament. Voltaire was right when he said, 'Everything will flee away before Nature.' I am the Beast. I am more spiritual than animals. 'Your affectionate beast,' 'TOMMY.'"

Dr. Brown stated that Shelley had only \$10 when he left Williamsburg.

MURDER THROWS CHURCH INTO PANIC

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didn't know Dr. Markoe. As soon as I had killed him I wished I had fired the shot into my own head."

Prominent People at Service.

Among the prominent persons of St. George's congregation who saw Dr. Markoe murdered were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wickham, Louis Stern, R. Fulton Cutting, Montgomery Jones, Theodore H. Price, Henry Monroe and others.

Dr. Markoe's appearance immediately after the shooting, Mrs. E. Livingston Hunt said tonight: "I was on my feet the instant the slayer fired his first shot and came face to face with him as he tried to get away. His face bore all the marks of a madman and I do not believe that he had any real motive in killing Dr. Markoe."

"I had never seen him before. The whole thing happened so quickly that we could hardly grasp a realization of the crime. I am, of course, glad the murderer was caught and I take it for granted that the awful death of Dr. Markoe will be avenged in the due process of law."

The assassin after hours of grill-

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PARTY LEADERS CONSIDER COX A STRONG CANDIDATE

(By Associated Press.)

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AFBAB, CIRCUS ELEPHANT, TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Instead of Usual Cake and Candles There Will Be Hay and Pennants.

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NEW YORK, April 18.—There is a birthday party to be held here Wednesday at which, instead of the customary cake with ninety-two candles to proclaim the age of the honored guest, there will be a couple of tons of hay, surmounted by ninety-two pennants. You've guessed it. The party is to celebrate the ninety-second birthday of Afbab, oldest elephant of a big circus. The publicity department of the circus declared that the Japanese had been sent to the pachyderm at the Bronx Zoo to attend the party and eat a ton or so of hay and dance a jig.

JAPANESE AND CHINESE IN BATTLE NEAR HARBIN

Clash is Reported on Trans-Siberian Railway, and Russian Fleet Reported Joining Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

HARBIN, MANCHURIA, April 18.—Fighting is reported between Japanese and Chinese troops on the railroad to the west of Harbin. South of this the Japanese have captured several stations on the railroad to the north of Chanchun.

General Volzhevsky, with a regiment of the Koltchak army, has joined forces with General Semenov, and is co-operating with the intention of establishing a new anti-Bolshevik front beyond Manchuria station, on the trans-Siberian road. It is believed here that the Japanese intended to occupy the line as far as Lake Balkal.